

42572 to 42575—Continued.

42574. *CYTISUS STENOPETALUS* (Webb) Christ. Fabaceæ. **Broom.**

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 42572.

42575. *LIMONIUM FRUTICANS* (Webb) Kuntze. Plumbaginaceæ.
(*Statice fruticans* Webb.) **Sea lavender.**

"Native of the coast region of Teneriffe, where the lowest temperature in winter is much above the freezing point, so that it should not be sown in the open where there are frosts. The seed should be carefully extracted before sowing, or if you find this method too slow (it is far the best), then soak in water at about 70° F. and stir daily until the dried flower heads sink to the bottom, then sow. This process takes about 10 days and the seed begins to come up in about one month; in the extracted-seed method germination takes place after about a week."

42576. *PRUNUS TOMENTOSA ENDOTRICHA* Koehne. Amygdalaceæ.
Bush cherry.

From Ventimiglia, Italy. Presented by the superintendent, La Mortola Botanic Garden. Received April 20, 1916.

The species is described as follows: "A deciduous shrub of spreading habit, 4 to 8 feet high and twice as wide; leaves dark dull green above, paler and densely woolly beneath. Flowers three-fourths of an inch across, white, tinted with rose, produced singly or in pairs at the joints of the previous year's growth. Fruit bright red, about the size of a small cherry, ripe in July. Native of northern and western China, but introduced from Japan about 40 years ago. It usually flowers about the fourth week in March and is then an object of great beauty and charm. Shoots from 1 to 2 feet long are made in one season, and these the following spring are furnished from end to end with the delicately tinted flowers. It must be said, however, that its beauty is short lived. Some sheltered nook should be chosen for it, a consideration its early blossoms entitle it to. The fruits are not freely produced with us, although about Peking the shrub is cultivated for their sake. Propagated by layers and cuttings of half-ripened wood." (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 255.*)

The variety is described by Koehne in Sargent's *Plantae Wilsonianae*, vol. 1, p. 225, as a shrub 1 to 3 meters or a tree up to 7 meters high, from western Hupeh and northern Shensi.

42577 to 42580. *DOLICHOS LABLAB* L. Fabaceæ. **Bonavist bean.**

From Georgetown, British Guiana. Presented by Mr. J. F. Waby. Received April 24, 1916. Quoted notes by Mr. Waby.

42577. "*Park's runner* or *scarlet runner*. A viny plant, flowers purplish, pods 6 to 6½ inches long, three-fourths of an inch wide. Beans of the two shades found in the same pod, though more frequently of the darker shade, which is more prolific. I have used it at least twice a week on my table for months; it is decidedly the best we have. See mention in Board of Agriculture Journal of British Guiana, vol. 8, p. 14, 1914."

42578. "Strong vine, prolific, lasting at least two years and giving abundantly if well watered. Purplish flowers, seeds brown, used shelled before the seeds get hard."